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HERBOLOGY GROUP

Marijuana dispensary would be near rotary

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The medical marijuana dispensary proposed for Agawam would be located in the neighborhood of the South End Bridge and Agawam Rotary, the company's CEO said this week.

Although Jane Hawman sent a letter to the City Council on

July 11 and asked to meet with the council Aug. 1, her company, Herbolology Group Inc. of Pittsfield, has not yet met with town officials to discuss the proposal. She said this week that she is still fine-tuning the proposal, including a physical plan for the dispensary site and identifying where the marijuana will be grown.

"We're still working on that,"

she said Monday. She said her group is looking at a property in Westfield as a potential cultivation site.

Mayor Richard Cohen said last week that he would like to see that sort of information before he sits down with Herbolology to negotiate a host agreement.

"We have not met with them because we don't feel they're re-

ally at the [point in the] process to meet with us," the mayor said.

City Council President James Cichetti said the council won't have a role in the process until the mayor meets with Herbolology and comes up with a detailed plan and host agreement.

Hawman said this week that the proposed site of the dispensary is in the South End Bridge

neighborhood, in the northeastern corner of town, but declined to give a precise address. According to Steve Buoniconti, the town's assistant solicitor, under Agawam zoning bylaws, a dispensary would only be allowed in a Business A, Business B, Industrial A or Industrial B zone. The

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Sit for a story

Left, Dominic Harris finds a quiet corner and a comfortable chair where he can enjoy a good book at the Agawam Public Library on Monday. At left, children's librarian Susan Peoples has the undivided attention of her young audience during morning Story Time. The library's Summer Reading Program ends this week. More photos, page 9. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

SCHOOLS

Councilor: ECC funding is question for mayor

Cohen hasn't taken position on pre-K building, kindergarten that could cost \$26M

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When the School Committee authorized construction of a new Early Childhood Center in late June, it placed the onus for funding it on city councilors. This week, one councilor pushed back, saying it's up to the mayor to present a funding proposal.

Councilor Christopher Johnson, speaking at council workshop on Monday concerning a proposal for a new Early Childhood Center, said Mayor Richard Cohen is the one who needs to put the funding issue before the council.

"While we're the body that approves bonding authorizations, we're not the body that originates them — they're originated by the mayor," said Johnson, a former mayor himself. Johnson was one of nine councilors present at the workshop held following the council's regular meeting, but was the only councilor to speak.

"From where I sit, the mayor hasn't taken a public stand one way or the other on this proposed facility," Johnson said. "He's the one who has to decide whether or not he wants to put it before the council and how exactly the taxpayers are going to afford to pay for it."

Cohen, for his part, said on Tuesday that the ultimate decision on funding rests with the council, and he would like further study and discussions to reach a consensus before deciding whether to back the spending.

"My biggest concern is the impact on the taxpayer," Cohen

COMMUNITY

'Be Kind' now raising funds for benches at playground

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When a dozen Agawam families got together a month ago to spread a simple message — "Be Kind" — they didn't think it would end up with an online storefront and a bench with a purpose.

Their initial project, no-frills, hand-made lawn signs reading "Be Kind" and decorated with a heart, proved popular beyond their expectation. Not only have

residents all around Agawam been requesting as many as 300 of the free signs — and, at National Night Out on Tuesday, dropping by a paint booth to make their own — but several well-wishers have attempted to donate money to keep it alive.

The problem was that the project never needed financial help. The wood was donated, often recycled from cargo pallets. The paint was supplied by the families. Labor came from adult volunteers



Mara Winer, 16, paints a "Be Kind" sign at National Night Out on Tuesday night. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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Pictured at the Be Kind booth at National Night Out on Tuesday are, top row, from left, Billy Balzano, Sam Polley, Oscar Wolfe and Austin Larrabee, all 13 years old; middle row, from left, Joey Typrowicz, 13, Abigail Polley, 9, Christian Rua, 13, and Jackson Lovely, 6; and bottom row, from left, Erin Taylor and Maddie Balzano, both 8. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

The families behind the Be Kind signs are now selling oval magnets as a fundraiser to install "Buddy Benches" at Agawam schools and parks. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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happy to strike a symbolic blow against hate and bullying, and children looking for an interesting summertime craft.

"People wanted to give us donations," said Karen Hotaling, one of the moms who helped organize the group. "We thought about it and decided we can do something positive for the town."

The families hit upon the "Buddy Bench," a special bench where children can sit to show that they're looking for someone to play with.

Agawam already has a Buddy Bench, donated to Granger School by local Girl Scouts. The Be Kind group hopes to build four to five more in town, at other elementary schools and at local parks. The first new Buddy Bench would be installed at

School Street Park.

To raise money for the benches, which cost about \$400 each, the families decided to put their "Be Kind" message on an oval magnet, to be sold as an online fundraiser. If they can sell 100 magnets at \$20 each, the group will earn \$1,400. The magnets, which are designed to attach to the back of a car, show the words "Be Kind" above a red heart and "Agawam, MA" below. They can be ordered at <https://www.booster.com/be-kind-agawam>. The group is also taking direct donations at that site.

Hotaling said the group plans to return with a new fundraiser next summer, but there's only a limited amount of time to participate in this year's. The "Be Kind" sign project ended this week, and the magnet fundraiser will end next Thursday, Aug. 11.

Pageant club's talent showcase is Friday

The Ms. Massachusetts Senior America Pageant Club will hold its annual "Sizzling Summer Showcase" at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., on Friday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m.

Past and present members will display their many talents for audiences of all ages. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. For tickets or more information, contact Mady Flanagan at 596-9732 or Joanne at 525-7065.

Adult reading program ends next week

There's still a week to go in Agawam Public Library's 12th annual Adult Summer Reading Program, which ends Aug. 12.

Participants will read or listen to a book checked out on their own card from the Agawam Library, fill out reviews slips and drop them in the box at the "On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!" Showcase. Throughout the summer, review slips will be displayed in the showcase to see what others are reading. Completed review slips will be drawn in a raffle on Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. Prizes are valued at \$25 and for every program adults attend this summer, they earn an extra raffle ticket. Participants are also welcome to take part in three activities next week.

Monday, Aug. 8: On Your Mark, Get Set ... Fish, 7 p.m. Allan Butler will present "Fishing the North Quabbin," for anglers of all levels. From trophy bass to lake trout, Butler will cover places for ice fishing, open water, shore or boat fishing on the North Quabbin waters. Come learn about the best spots to fish and different techniques. But-

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ler has been a fresh and salt-water fishing guide and outdoor writer for over 20 years.

Tuesday, Aug. 9: On Your Mark, Get Set ... Papercut, 6 p.m. Shauna Strattonmeier will teach participants the art of creating beautiful pieces of artwork using the delicate skill of papercutting.

Friday, Aug. 12, Adult Summer Reading Raffle Program, 3 p.m. Names will be drawn for 20 prizes totaling \$25 each. Participants do not need to be present to win, but those who are present will receive a free book. Winners will be called to come and choose a prize.

To sign up for events, call 413-789-1550, ext. 1550, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Library System, the Agawam and Massachusetts Cultural Councils, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Collaborative Summer Library Program.

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Maxxtone brings classics to current hits to SummerFest free concert

The next SummerFest concert scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m., will feature the award-winning band Maxxtone. SummerFest is brought to the public free of charge by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, the Agawam Rotary Club and the Agawam Cultural Council, with support from local sponsors.

The concert will be in the Darcy Davis Band Shell at School Street Park. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the air-conditioned Agawam High School auditorium at 760 Cooper St.

Born in Springfield by founding member Aaron Fay (lead vocals) in the spring of 2003, Maxxtone has traveled the U.S., bringing its genre-hopping brand of good times from Maine to Miami and beyond. Along with longtime guitarist Pete Maserati, drummer Jesse Casinghino and bassist Nathan Fay, Maxxtone covers popular rock, pop and dance songs from the '70s through today. Diversity is the key and Maxxtone can seamlessly play private parties, weddings, colleges, corporate functions or rip

it up at any bar or roadhouse in America.

Mixing a vast arsenal of cover songs as well as two independent original releases, Maxxtone has shared the stage with Switchfoot, Howie Day, Mandy Moore, Paula Cole, Stereophonics, Mute Math, Jeffery Gaines, Duncan Sheik, Motley Crue, Eve 6, Tiffany, Better than Ezra, Strangefolk, DADA and Jeff Timmons of 98 Degrees.

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The next SummerFest free concert will feature Maxxtone on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at School Street Park. SUBMITTED PHOTO

'Faith on Fire' returns Aug. 18-19

Faith on Fire Catholic Rally will take place Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18 and 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This two-evening celebration will include praise and worship music, speakers, a Eucharistic procession, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and prayers for healing with the laying on of hands.

The Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, bishop of Springfield; the Rev. Anthony Gramlich, MIC, head of the Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charismatic Renewal; the Rev. Warren Savage, also with the Diocese of Springfield; and other speakers and lay witnesses will be at the two-day event.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase and will include hot dogs, hamburgers, chips soda, fried dough, and more. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs and blankets for comfortable seating. There is no charge for this event; a free will offering will be taken up each night.

Different topics and speakers will be featured each night. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Hampden West Deanery, which includes both Agawam Catholic churches, Sacred Heart and St. John the Evangelist. In case of rain, the rally will be held inside Sacred Heart Church.



HAP Housing of Springfield plans to build a housing development at the former farm at 586 Mill St. FILE PHOTO

Petition urges town to buy HAP property

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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More than 500 residents have signed a formal petition requesting the town use Community Preservation Act funds to purchase the land at 586 Mill St. from HAP Housing.

On Monday night, the residents presented their petition to the Agawam City Council, requesting they listen to the voters who signed it. HAP is proposing to build a housing development that would include "affordable" units subsidized for low-income residents. Because of the affordable housing component, the development will likely be able to bypass local zoning and planning oversight under Chapter 40B of state law.

The petition states, "We, the Town of Agawam residents, are asking our full Town Council and Mayor [Richard] Cohen to represent the wishes of conserving the old farm property located at 586 Mill Street and purchasing this land from HAP for purposes of a park to be used by residents."

The petition requests using CPA funds for the purpose of preserving open space.

According to the petition, HAP Housing did not properly vet the property before closing on the purchase on July 21, because no traffic studies were done and research was not done regarding wildlife conservation or illegal dumping.

Although representatives from HAP have said the location is well suited to an affordable housing development because of its proximity to shopping on Springfield Street, neighbors say HAP is ignoring the fact that sections of Mill Street and several connecting streets have no sidewalks.

HAP representatives appeared in front of the Agawam City Council last week and explained their decision to buy the property, which cost nearly \$600,000 and was on the market for several years. The property is also blighted, said HAP Project Manager Carolyn Shiel.

On Tuesday, CPA Committee Chairman Henry Kozloski said his board had not discussed buying 586 Mill St., as the property

has never been identified as a potential town resource in Agawam's open space plan. He noted that public hearings are held annually at which residents can suggest additions to the open space plan and propose uses for CPA funds.

According to town CPA Administrator Jen Bonfiglio, there is currently a CPA balance of \$596,643.68 unspent but earmarked for open space fund, and \$1,029,514.07 unspent and available for any use.

The residents state in their petition that the farm was loved by its former owner, Rose Delevo, and residents "knew it was her wish for it to remain a part of the town."

Colette Parsons, a resident of 568 Mill St., pleaded with the City Council to read the petition, see all the signatures, and take the comments also submitted by several of the residents seriously.

"We're asking you to represent us," she said.

Several members of the council were complimentary of the residents who appeared at the meeting.

"We are glad to see you uniting for what you believe in," said Councilor Cecilia Calabrese. "I will be looking over these comments and we will do what we can as the legislative body of the town."

Under the current circumstances, however, there seems very little town officials can do once HAP submits an application to the state under Chapter 40B.

Councilor Robert Rossi told the residents not to lose all hope. "This is not something that is going in tomorrow and I think there is still time to be heard on this issue," said Rossi.

Included with the petition were numerous comments on how the property should be utilized for open space, how it is unsuited for low-income housing, and how traffic will be a problem. A few others made disparaging comments about low-income housing.

"Low-income places filled with people who don't work or don't wish to work and just live off the government and will not respect the property they are given," said Kevin Masek.

Town Republicans to meet

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Gino's Restaurant, 360 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Anyone interested in learning more about the committee is welcome to join the committee for pizza at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular business meeting at 7 p.m.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Anti-HAP petitioners, look to next challenge

Those five hundred signatures were too little, too late.

Opponents of the proposed Chapter 40B low-income housing development on Mill Street delivered a petition to the City Council this week that stood no chance of succeeding. The petition asked the town to purchase the 12.5-acre property and preserve it as a park, potentially by using Community Preservation Act funds.

But HAP Housing already owns the land, and it's unlikely that they'd sell it after researching the site, making plans and sending several representatives to Agawam public meetings to defend their organization. Furthermore, they bought the land for a purpose, and if they were to sell the property, they'd have to find another 12 acres somewhere else in Agawam.

What's more, town government and, until the HAP sale came along, town residents, have shown no interest in the Mill Street property as a park or nature preserve. There was talk of buying the land as the site of a new preschool, but the School Committee has settled on two parcels already owned by the town, adjacent to Clark School and Agawam Junior High School, as its preferred and alternate sites for the proposed Early Childhood Center. The CPA Committee keeps a list of natural and recreational resource properties that it would like to eventually purchase or otherwise preserve. Mill Street isn't on the list.

If the town were somehow to buy the HAP land anyway, Agawam would remain far short of the state's 10 percent affordable housing requirement, and vulnerable to another 40B development, potentially a larger one, or a project in some place less suitable for it than Mill Street. HAP, which is based in neighboring Springfield, has Agawam on its radar screen already. The town would have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars just to move an unwanted project from one neighborhood to another.

The petition has accomplished one thing: It got hundreds of Agawam residents involved in politics and thinking about open space preservation and affordable housing.

They need to stay involved. Although the developer in a 40B project answers primarily to the state, not the town, and is able to ignore local zoning rules, the town can still ask for concessions and try to nudge HAP toward a project with less impact on neighbors. With the right pressure from petitioners, perhaps the town can get HAP to pay for roadway safety improvements and new sidewalks in the neighborhood, for example.

Furthermore, even once the Mill Street project is built, Agawam's affordable housing inventory will remain under 10 percent of the total housing stock, and the town could still see another 40B project. The folks who signed the petition against HAP should begin working now with the Housing Committee to find ways to meet the 10 percent mandate while respecting Agawam's zoning laws and the character of its neighborhoods. This can include a so-called "friendly 40B" in which the town actually invites a developer to build low-income housing, in exchange for retaining significant local control over the size and site plan.

As members of the City Council said this week, there's little that anyone in Agawam can do to stop this Chapter 40B project. But there's a lot that can be done to stop the next one.

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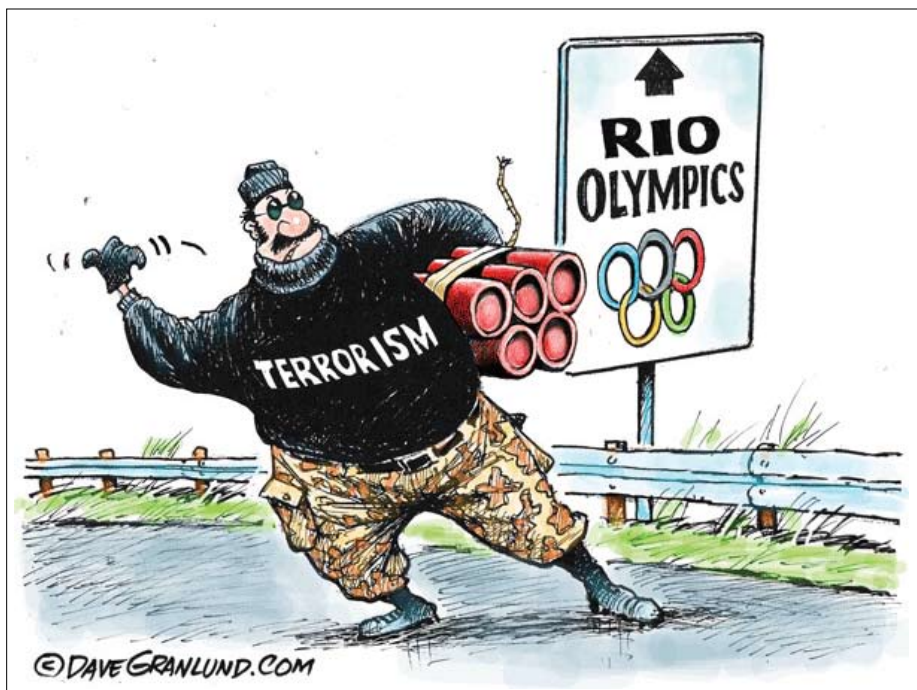
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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

'What have they done to my game?'

My oldest AHS yearbook has no special name, it's just called Class of 1927. On the front cover, written in red pencil, is E.H. Smith. The same name is written on the title page and each signature was probably written by Eleanor Smith. Thirty-six years later, many of us were lucky to have her as our math teacher at AHS. Of the twenty-four '27 seniors, only five of them were boys — Paul Cesan, Paul Ferrarini, Michael Houlahan, Preston Leonard and John White. Only Michael Houlahan, known as Mickey, listed baseball as an activity in which he participated. Since he wrote "3, 4" after the word "baseball," that would mean that AHS had a baseball team as early as 1926.

The 1928 yearbook had a senior named George Reynolds. Since he listed baseball "1, 2, 3, 4" for his activities, that could mean we had a baseball team in 1925, probably coached by Harm Smith.

Harry Abell, Charlie Assad, Richard

Kellogg, Richard Merrell and Clifford Pond were 1929 graduates who played baseball. They probably played against Cathedral, which had a second baseman named Walter "Tux" Sullivan. Tux came from a large Irish family and his brother Dan settled in Agawam on Florida Drive. Dave Sullivan '62 was one of Dan Sullivan's children. I'm pretty sure there were at least three who went to AHS.

Tux was a good ball player who loved the game, tried out for the Dodgers and kept playing until he was 37 years old. He kept coaching youth teams until he was 70 and wrote three books, my favorite being, "What Have They Done to My Game?" He has stories about baseball in Springfield from the mid-'20s on. My favorite story took place in front of the Hotel Kimball in Springfield. Babe Ruth threw out a dozen autographed baseballs from the front steps. Tux got one and had it home on the mantel for three weeks until his buddies talked him into using it for their pickup game — a \$10,000 mistake.

Tux served his country in World War II, receiving several medals. I met him with Dan in 1990 and was given an autographed copy of "What Have They Done to My Game?" That title came to mind this season when I was watching the Red Sox closer leaning forward to read the catcher's signal. His necklace was hanging down, sort of swinging back and fourth. Could you imagine Sandy Koufax or Warren Spahn with a necklace as they stared at Roy Campanella or Del Crandall?

Tux passed away in 2011, just before he turned 100. By then, "What Have They Done to My Game?" had been inducted into the library at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. I will make sure our library has a copy if you need a good baseball read.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



Walt Willard



Walter "Tux" Sullivan shows off one of his three books, "What Have They Done to My Game?"

Letter to the Editor

HAP a burden on taxpayers

As a resident of Agawam (Feeding Hills) since 1944, I have seen many changes in our town, most for the good. I am not against subsidized housing for veterans, handicapped, elderly and others that through no fault of their own are in need of some help from the taxpayers.

Having said that, I am against HAP. I believe it will put a burden on the taxpayers of Agawam, increase traffic that is already bad on Mill Street and bring in too many new residents that may overburden our fine school system.

I went through the Agawam school system from 1947 through 1959, when I

graduated from the "new AHS." I received a quality education. I would like the same educational standards be available to my grandchildren. My family and I have been property and taxpayers in Agawam since '44 and continue to be. We have a great town, good people and responsible citizens.

I call on the mayor and town councilors to explore every means possible to stop HAP from happening on Mill Street. Perhaps Longmeadow would like to have some HAP housing in their fine community.

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Humason seeks nominees for legislative seminar

BOSTON — State Sen. Donald Humason announced last week that he is seeking nominees to participate in the 77th Citizens’ Legislative Seminar to be held Oct. 17-18 at the State House in Boston. CLS is a semi-annual educational seminar geared toward adults of all ages interested in learning more about state government and the legislative process.

“As a legislator who values transparency in government, I am always excited by the opportunity to invite my constituents to the State House in order to learn about the inner workings of our state government first hand,” said Humason. “This program is great because it provides an in-depth tutorial of the legislative process and allows participants to get a unique, hands-on experience.”

Established in 1976 through a collaborative effort of the Massachusetts Senate and the University of Massachusetts, the two-day seminar features engaging presentations by senators and staff on aspects of the day-to-day experience of legislators in Massachusetts. Topics will include the history and process of the Legislature, the parliamentary role of the clerk of the Senate and the future of the Legislature. The seminar will walk participants through the legislative process including how bills are introduced, debated, and passed.

The CLS culminates with a simulated legislative hearing and Senate session where participants are invited to use what they have learned and participate as “senators” in the Senate Chamber in order to have a first-hand experience of the legislative process.

Interested residents in the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District, which includes Agawam, are invited to call Humason’s Boston office at 617-722-1415. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Aug. 12. Seats are limited and nominations are taken on a first-come basis.

Humason, a Westfield Republican, represents Agawam and 10 other communities in the state Senate.

‘Miracles’ film to be shown under stars

Sacred Heart Church will host the St. Tekawitha Youth Ministry Movie Night “under the stars” at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

Based on a true story, “Miracles from Heaven” is set in Burleson, Texas, in 2011. The film centers on a 10-year-old girl named Anna Beam (played by Kylie Rogers), daughter of Christy Beam (Jennifer Garner). Anna is suffering from a pseudo-obstruction motility disorder and is unable to eat, using feeding tubes for nutrition.

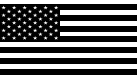
During this ordeal, Anna and her mother befriend a Massachusetts resident. One day, she has a near-death experience after falling three stories into the hollow of a tree and suffering only scratches. When she is subsequently examined at Boston Children’s Hospital, no evidence of the chronic illness is found.

This film screening is free. Snacks will be available for purchase and a free offering will be collected. All proceeds will be used to support the Tekawitha Youth Ministry’s mission work.

The church is at 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Rain date is Aug. 27.

Obituary

Edward G. Borgatti, 88



Edward G. Borgatti, 88, of Feeding Hills, passed away Monday at the Holyoke Soldiers Home, surrounded by his loving family. Edward was born in Feeding Hills on Nov. 2, 1927, to the late Allesmo and Margaret (nee Melloni) Borgatti.

He was a 1946 graduate of Agawam High School, where he loved playing football. Later he was proud to play semi-pro football for the Agawam Brownies. Edward joined the Navy after graduation from high school. He was on the naval aircraft carrier, the USS Kearsarge, as a seaman first class stationed in the Atlantic.

He spent his life serving the Agawam and Feeding Hills community as an Agawam Police detective, town councilor and entrepreneur. He married Stella (Pylypow) in 1954. They were married 44 years before her passing in 1998. Edward joined the Agawam Police Department as a patrolman in 1950 and through promotion he became a detective, retiring in 1982. In 1986, he fulfilled his dream and opened EB’s Restaurant and continued to work there until just last year.

He was a 12-year member of the Agawam Town Council. While on the Park and Recreation Com-



mittee in 1963, he was responsible for the purchase of land on River Road for a new park that later was named in his honor, the Edward G. Borgatti Park. This was a very proud moment in Edward’s life.

He will always be remembered for his unselfish acts of kindness bestowed upon family, friends and members of the community. He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved daughter Shelley Borgatti-

Reed and husband Doug, his cherished son Edward P. Borgatti, and his loving grandchildren Michael E. Reed and Cassie E. Reed. He also leaves his siblings, Janet White (Richard) of Springfield, and Ronald Borgatti (Sharon) of Cincinnati, and his companion, Viola Sliech of Agawam. He was predeceased by his wife Stella, brother Paul, sister Claire and grandson Kristofer.

Ed’s funeral will be held Friday at 8:30 a.m. at the Agawam Funeral Home, 184 Main St., Agawam, followed by a liturgy of Christian burial at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills at 10 a.m. Burial with military honors will follow at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Donations may be made in Edward’s memory to the Recreational Department at the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home and to Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Visiting hours will be held Thursday from 4 to 8 pm at the Agawam Funeral Home.

Chamber golf tourney at The Ranch Aug. 15

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will host its 13th annual golf tournament at The Ranch in Southwick on Monday, Aug. 15. The cost to golf is \$125 per player and includes 18 holes with cart, lunch and dinner. The cost to attend dinner only is \$35.

Tournament sponsors are OMG Inc., United Bank, Hampton Inn of West Springfield, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Spherion Staffing Services and Doctors Express. Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the tournament. For details on sponsorship packages,

visit www.westoftheriverchamber.com.

During the tournament’s reception and dinner, the West of the River Chamber of Commerce will award scholarships to one student from Agawam High School, West Springfield High School and the Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative.

Registration is available at www.westoftheriverchamber.com. For more information, call the West of the River Chamber of Commerce office at 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

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property also must be more than 500 feet away from any place where children congregate, such as schools and parks, and cannot abut residential property or a residential zone. In the neighborhood by the bridge, the land north and east of Route 5 — properties along the section of River Road north of the bridge — is zoned Industrial A and is insulated from nearby homes by the Route 5 expressway.

Hawman said her company conducted a survey online and found 85 percent support from Agawam residents for a dispensary in town.

Hawman noted that at present, there are no medical marijuana facilities in Agawam or the southern side of the Springfield area. A dispensary has been approved in West Springfield, but it is on the far side of town, near the Holyoke line. Another has gained local approval in Westfield—again, far from Agawam, on the north side of that city. Last month, a company approached Southwick about hosting a dispensary.

She also said Herbology’s business plan is based on medical marijuana only, even though there will be a ballot question in November asking Massachusetts to legalize marijuana for recreational use.

“Even if that passes, we’re going to keep our facility medical-only,” Hawman said. “That location will be strictly medical.”

Hawman said she expects to serve about 1,200 registered patients in the first year. Clients would have to be referred by a medical doctor, and most

would visit the dispensary on an appointment basis, she said. The dispensary would only be open to residents of Massachusetts.

Herbology does not currently operate retail or grow operations in any other town, Hawman said, nor is it looking at retail sites in other towns.

“We’re only starting off with one location, and hopefully expanding to different towns” in the future, she said.

To open a dispensary in Agawam, Herbology would require a certificate of approval from the state Department of Public Health and a special permit from Town Hall. The state approval would be aided by a “letter of non-opposition” from the town government, which is what Hawman hopes the mayor or City Council can provide.

In her July 11 letter, Hawman outlined the features of a proposed host agreement for the dispensary: a \$50,000 annual payment to the town, to begin after the dispensary’s first fiscal year in operation, 2018; an additional payment accounting for 1 percent of annual revenue, to increase by 0.5 percent every three years until it reaches 3 percent, with a total donation cap of \$400,000 annually; an additional annual donation of \$10,000 to the Agawam Police Department and \$10,000 to the Agawam Fire Department; sponsorship for veterans programs in town, including upkeep of the state veterans cemetery and organizing veterans substance abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder meetings; and additional donations “to local community programs of our choice based on need.”

DEATH NOTICES

Bessette, Rose A.
Died July 29
Funeral Aug. 4
Curran-Jones Funeral Home
Agawam

Borgatti, Edward G.
Died Aug. 1
Funeral Aug. 5
Agawam Funeral Home

Carras, Elizabeth
Died July 28
Funeral Aug. 2
New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC

Haffke, Gerald S. Sr.
Died July 23
Funeral July 29

Luginbuhl, John D.
Died July 29
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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 343 calls for service from July 25 to July 31. The department recorded three arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Monday, July 25

Maria A. Basile, 55, of Allison Lane, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Thursday, July 28

Maryelizabeth Bradford, 19, of Berger Road, Vernon, Conn., was arrested on charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

Friday, July 29

Charles Julian Lindemer, 24, of Boston Road, Groton, Mass., was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace and carrying a dangerous weapon.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 54 EMS calls from July 19 to July 25, and the following emergency response calls.

On July 20 at 4:36 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for citizen complaint.

On July 20 at 11:13 p.m., the department responded to Kellogg Avenue for person in distress, other.

On July 21 at 3:53 p.m., the department responded to Walnut Street for citizen complaint.

On July 21 at 5:08 p.m., the department responded to Sylvan Lane for alarm system activation, no fire—unintentional.

On July 21 at 7:53 p.m., the department responded to Hastings Street for citizen complaint.

On July 22 at 11:25 a.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for citizen complaint.

On July 22 at 9:29 a.m. the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service assistance, other.

On July 22 at 9:41 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for public service assistance, other.

On July 22 at 6:21 p.m., the department responded to Senator Avenue for good intent call, other.

On July 23 at 3:28 a.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On July 23 at 11:21 a.m., the department responded to North Street for public service assistance, other.

On July 23 at 3:05 p.m., the department responded to Parkview Drive for brush or brush and grass mixture fire.

On July 23 at 3:10 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for natural vegetation fire, other.

On July 23 at 3:57 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for natural vegetation fire, other.

On July 23 at 9:14 p.m., the department responded to Channell Drive to assist invalid.

On July 24 at 2:18 a.m., the department responded to Rowley Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On July 24 at 4:47 p.m., the department responded to Robin Ridge for public service.

On July 24 at 9:17 p.m., the department responded to Route 5 for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 24 at 9:45 p.m., the department responded to Hamilton Circle for public service.

On July 25 at 2:11 p.m., the department responded to Mooreland Street for lockout.

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On July 25 at 5:30 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On July 25 at 10:07 p.m., the department responded to Barry Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

Town is now ‘dementia-friendly’

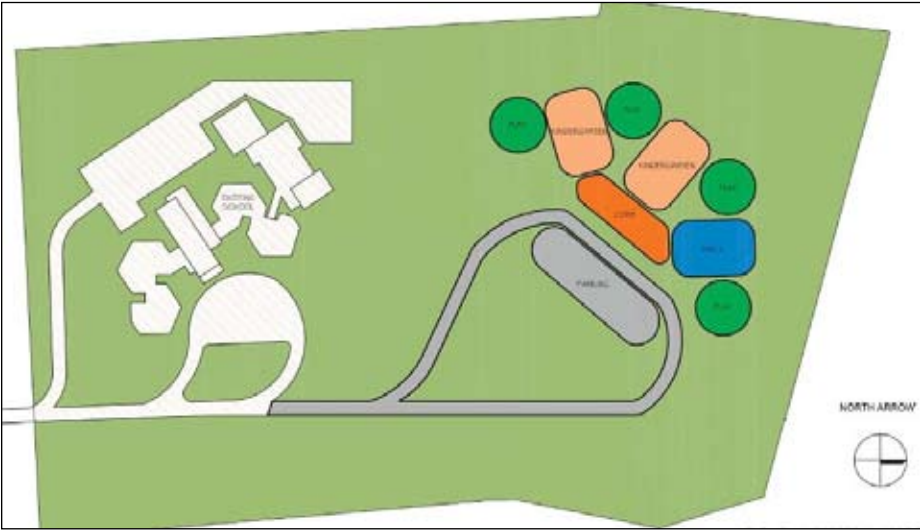
Mayor Richard Cohen will announce next week that Agawam is one of the first dementia-friendly communities in Massachusetts. He will deliver a proclamation during the Virtual Dementia Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Heritage Hall West, 61 Cooper St., Agawam.

The Virtual Dementia Tour is a free 15-minute experiential and educational opportunity that allows participants to walk in the shoes of a person living with Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of de-

mentia.

“Dementia affects so many families, not only in our community but throughout Massachusetts and we think it’s important to educate the public on how this debilitating disease affects people and their families,” said Cohen.

To schedule a free 15-minute virtual dementia tour, residents and businesses are encouraged to contact Melinda Monaster-ski at Heritage Hall West, 413-333-2428.



A conceptual site plan shows where the new Early Childhood Center would be placed, in town-owned land north of Clark School on Oxford Street. The School Committee is also considering the Agawam Junior High School campus as an alternate site. FILE IMAGE

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said. “There’s still a lot of work that has to be done on it.”

He declined to detail which questions he will be looking to answer in his study of the proposal.

The mayor sits as chairman of the School Committee, but Cohen was not present at the meeting where the vote on the proposal was taken. The School Committee passed the project 6-0.

School Superintendent William Sapelli and representatives from Habeeb & Associates, an architectural firm hired last year by the School Department to conduct a feasibility study on replacing the current preschool on Perry Lane, made a presentation about the need and estimated cost of a new facility.

Annual hike of \$3M

Under the current plan, the new building would also house kindergarten students to alleviate overcrowded conditions at the four elementary schools, and is projected to cost between \$23 million and \$26 million. Johnson said current projections are that the bonding costs for a new Early Childhood Center could nearly double the town’s debt principal and interest budget, requiring an annual increase to the budget of close to \$3 million.

Sapelli acknowledged that funding is always a major issue, especially now with the town paying for renovations to the track, sports fields, and athletes’ locker rooms at the high school.

However, he reiterated the concerns he has stated at School Committee meetings about the “dire” need to replace the Perry Lane building.

“Some have said we need to wait our turn,” Sapelli said. “But it’s not a need that just surfaced — it’s been on the docket for 20 years.”

The superintendent said he understood it is “no easy task” to come up with \$26 million for a new facility, but added that overcrowded conditions at Perry Lane have already forced two preschool classes to move to Clark School and then to Granger.

“We’re playing musical chairs with these students,” said Sapelli.

Cohen acknowledged the deficiencies in the Perry Lane facility, but said he has to weigh the arguments in favor of a new preschool against the tax impact of the spending — a property tax hike of about \$170 per year on the average Agawam home.

“I understand it’s something we need and something people want,” Cohen said. “But it also has to be something people can afford.”

State funds take time

A key part of any funding decision is whether or not the town should apply for partial construction funds from the Massa-

chusetts School Building Authority or fund the project independently.

“MSBA has a very lengthy process and they are not as nimble as the town,” said Steve Habeeb. He told councilors that even if the town were invited to apply for funds — the earliest it could apply would be spring 2017 — it could take two to five additional years to build the school.

In addition, if kindergarteners were combined with preschoolers, only the portion used exclusively by kindergarteners — less than 50 percent of the building — would be eligible for MSBA funds.

Habeeb has said that the MSBA’s lengthy application process, combined with increased construction costs — about 3 percent per year — could negate any potential savings from state funds.

“How long is Agawam willing to wait?” he asked during the presentation, which included an analysis showing how crowded classroom spaces at the elementary schools could be alleviated by building a combined pre-K and kindergarten school. “The longer you wait, the more costly it becomes.”

Impact of a new ECC

Johnson commended Sapelli for doing a good job in projecting what the construction costs would be, but wanted to know if there are any projections on the operating costs and any additional staff for a new standalone school.

“You don’t want to build the facility figuring it’s going to cost you ‘X’ number dollars to bond, only to find that there’s hundreds of thousands of dollars of additional operating costs that trigger once the facility is built,” said Johnson.

Sapelli said there might be a need for some additional staff, but not “a wholesale” increase because many existing staff would move over to the new school. He added that there might be an increase in utility costs, but some of that would be offset by having a more energy-efficient building.

Johnson also questioned the impact a new facility might have on the peer model currently used at the preschool level, in which children with disabilities are “peered” with children without disabilities.

“By building a new facility are we now going to take the step to say all those age-level children in Agawam can come to the ECC?” he asked.

Sapelli replied that the ECC wouldn’t be taking in “any and all” typical preschoolers because of the ratio that needs to be followed of partnering disabled children with non-disabled children. He added that the lottery system for preschool admissions for non-disabled students would not change in a new Early Childhood Center.

Staff writer Michael J. Ballway contributed to this report.

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6. A dog is one

9. Medieval feline

13. Appeal emotionally

14. Uncommon

15. Chinese currency

16. Gain as interest

17. Habitat

18. Ribosomal

ribonucleic acid

19. 2015 NL batting champ

21. Makes wet

22. Discounts

23. Beavers build this

24. Between south and east

25. Promotional materials

28. Arbitr

29. Ancient Greek ruler

31. Ruse

33. Where coaches spend their time

36. LA landmark

House

38. Nothing

39. Chickpea plant

41. Revolutionary War militia member

44. Civil rights organization

45. Fathers

46. Carries things

48. Frequently

49. Location of White House

51. Small amount

52. A structure forming a covered entrance

54. Soothes

56. Shameless

60. Middle Eastern nation

61. Footsteps

62. Russian river

63. Once-influential student organization

64. Jags owner Khan

65. Bura-_: Nigerian

language

66. Small boy

67. Belonging to a thing

68. Mosses

CLUES DOWN

1. Went too fast

2. Protruding ridge on worms

3. Insignificant

4. Pains

5. South Dakota

6. Greek island

7. Emerald Isle

8. Golfers know this well

9. Desire to set fire to things

10. A glow

11. Levels

12. Enzyme

14. Explains again

17. City in South of France

20. Paddle

21. Salian

23. Split pulses

25. Consumed

26. Small drink of spirits

27. Indigenous people

29. Elaborated

30. Painting technique

32. Repentance

34. Not bright

35. Kansas hoops coach

37. Koran chapters

40. Dead end

42. Foul-mouthed bear

43. Nostrils

47. Game Cache File

49. One who believes in a supreme being

50. Carnival worker

52. Gnawing animals

53. German town

55. Conquer

56. Thai money

57. Taxis

58. _ Clapton

59. A form of Persian

61. Pounds per square inch

65. Nighttime



Agawam resident Mark Proulx will direct his daughter, Shannon, in her first leading role as part of the Suffield Players summer program Aug. 20 at Mapleton Hall. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Father directing daughter in 'New Faces' stage short

SUFFIELD — An Agawam father-daughter duo will be on stage and behind the scenes later this month with the Suffield Players.

Mark Proulx, a veteran actor with the local theater troupe, will direct his daughter Shannon in a contemporary 10-minute play, "What We Carry," which forms part of the Suffield Players' "New Faces" performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

Mark has been involved with the group for 20-plus years, playing musical, comic and dramatic roles, but this is only his second effort as a director. Shannon plays the part of a young teen seeking her birth mother in this touching drama written by Lindsay Adams. Shannon has played ensemble and small roles in Suffield Players productions since 2009, but this is her first true leading part.

The brainchild of veteran Suffield Players performer Shaun O'Keefe, the New Faces program is designed to teach, inspire and develop the theatrical talents of all participants. Everyone 16 years and up who joins the company performs in short new plays by contemporary playwrights from around the country. This year, the troupe also used the annual summer program to train two new directors, including Mark Proulx. Several participants from the previous three years of New Faces returned to guide this year's aspiring actors and directors.

Seating is by general admission only; no reservations are required. There is a \$10 donation suggested at the door. Mapleton Hall is at 1305 Mapleton Ave., Suffield, about 1 1/2 miles south of the Agawam-Suffield line.

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A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. The promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting God and His power.

J.K.

E-ZPass toll tag signups to be taken at library

State Sen. Donald Humason and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga will host an E-ZPass distribution event Aug. 16 at the Agawam Public Library. The event will provide a convenient opportunity for Western Massachusetts drivers to enroll in the road toll program.

"With all-electronic tolling set to begin in the fall, it's of utmost important that drivers are able to take steps to prepare for changes in a convenient and timely way," said Humason. "I appreciate MassDOT working with us to assist local residents with the E-ZPass program, and I'd like to thank the Agawam Public Library for hosting us."

"I am happy that we were able to get a transponder sign-up event here in Agawam," said Boldyga. "It is important

that residents be given ample opportunities to sign up for an E-ZPass transponder before they are required. I hope that all residents will take advantage of this event."

All drivers are invited to stop by the library, at 750 Cooper St., Agawam, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, to pick up a transponder. To enroll in the program, residents must provide photo identification, motor vehicle registration and a \$20 toll deposit by either check or credit card. The transponder is free.

Humason, a Westfield Republican, and Boldyga, a Southwick Republican, represent Agawam in the state Legislature.

Rocking 'Out'



Concert-goers at National Night Out in School Street Park on Tuesday listen to Cory & the Knightsmen performing at the band shell. More photos from National Night Out in next week's Agawam Advertiser News. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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Youth

KidsFest wraps up with Jedlie's Magic Circus

The 2016 series of KidsFest shows will close out with Jedlie's Magic Circus at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. KidsFest is brought to the public free of charge by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, the Agawam Rotary Club and the Agawam Cultural Council, with support from local sponsors.

The show will be held outdoors at the Veterans Green, 689 Main St., Agawam, next to Phelps School. In case of rain, the show will be moved indoors to the Phelps gymnasium.

Jed Doherty, a former licensed, certified social worker, has been inspiring audiences as Jedlie since 1983. Since that time he has brought a magical message of caring and community to millions of hearts throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. In addition to thousands of performances in schools, libraries and churches, Jedlie has been the headline family entertainer at hundreds of great events.

Jedlie is one of the nation's most exciting school show performers. He uses positive reinforcement, storytelling, illusions, comedy, music, magic and dance to motivate audiences to make healthy choices, build safe schools, stand up for one another and to be inclusive.

For over 30 years, Jedlie has taken to the stage to inspire audiences. In July 2015, Jedlie debuted the "We Choose Respect Parentcast," an Internet radio show and podcast that uses the power of technology to bring parents the information and support they need to help their kids grow to be happy, healthy and respectful. At least once



The final KidsFest show of the 2016 season will feature Jedlie's Magic Circus Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 11 a.m. The show is held at the Veterans Green in Agawam. SUBMITTED PHOTO

each month, Jedlie debuts a fun, original inspirational song for kids.

The 2016 KidsFest shows are brought to the public free of charge by the following corporate sponsors: Agawam Advertiser News/Turley Publications, Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Parks & Recreation, Agawam Rotary Club, Allied Flooring and Paint, Berkshire Power, Bolduc's Apparel, Canary Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Easthampton Savings Bank, Hector's Auto Detailing, Insurance Center of New England, King Ward Coach Lines, Kix 100.9, Lucia Lumber, Main Street Deli, Moren Signs, OMG Inc., Quality Auto, Republic Services, Sarat Ford, Ski Blandford, United Bank and Westfield Bank.

School resumes next month

There's just one month of summer vacation left.

Students in grades 1-12 in Agawam will return to classes Thursday, Sept. 6, with the last day of school projected to be between June 16 and 23, 2017.

Kindergarten and preschool orientation will be held Sept. 12 and 13, with regular sessions beginning Sept. 14.

School holidays for 2016-17 include Labor Day, Sept. 5; Columbus Day, Oct. 10; Election Day, Nov. 8 (a professional day for teachers, but no classes for students); Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 24-25 (half-day Nov. 23); Christmas Break, Dec. 26 to Jan. 2 (half-day Dec. 23); Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 16; Presidents Day and Winter Vacation, Feb. 20-24; Good Friday, April 14; Patriots Day and Spring Vacation, April 17-21; and Memorial Day, May 29.

In addition to the days before Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, half-days will

be held Sept. 8, Dec. 1 and March 1 to accommodate teachers' professional development. The last day of school will also be a half-day.

Back-to-School nights are scheduled for the Early Childhood Center, Oct. 13; elementary schools, Sept. 20; Doering School, Sept. 7; junior high school, Sept. 14; and high school, Sept. 15.

The last day of school is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 16, 2017. Up to five school days are built into the calendar to make up for cancellations; if all five of these days are needed, the last day of classes will be Friday, June 23.

Teachers will return Thursday, Sept. 1, for two days of professional development and preparation time.

For more information about the upcoming school year, see the School Department's annual back-to-school special section in the Sept. 1 Agawam Advertiser News.

Doering holds information nights for parents

The Roberta G. Doering School will conduct its Grade 5 Orientation for parents and guardians at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, in the school auditorium. The purpose of this event is to outline school policies and procedures prior to the first day of school.

Additionally, Back to School Night will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, beginning in the school auditorium, with a brief discussion concerning policies and procedures, and ending with meetings with teachers.

Because they attended orientation in June, it is advised that students do not attend either event due to space constraints.

CAMPUS NOTES

Becker College: Zachary Peterson, of Agawam, graduated at commencement ceremonies held May 14.

Clark University: Alexandra Jeannotte, Mary Molloy and Emma Phillips, of Agawam, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

MCPHS University: Rachel Tryba, of Agawam; and Yelisei Murauski, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

St. Lawrence University: Page Phillips, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

UMass Amherst: Alexander Honsinger, Ashley Webster, Brianna Hurley, Chiyeung Wong, Christa Hurley, Collin Langlois, Dalton Alves, David Cotrone, Janice Beach, Jesse Armfield, Jinhong Ma, Joseph Cecchi, Kaeli Howard, Nathan Riley, Sarah Kamukala, Victoria Bortolussi, Vincent Panuccio and William Howe, of Agawam; and Allison Grubbs, Allison Schwarz, Amanda Burton, Cassidy Cunningham, Catherine Cosby, Eric Brown, Erik Wilson, Gabrielle Mirolli, Gary Chirgwin, Jeremy Kapinos, Joseph Bortolussi, McKenzie Stuetzel, Rachel Burton, Rachel Lloyd and Sean Ouimette, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

Western New England University: Braden Lucia, of Feeding Hills, is among more than 175 students who presented their Freshman Innovation Project at the College of Engineering's 2016 Emerging Expo held on the university campus.

Summer reading program ends Aug. 5

The Agawam Public Library has had 230 kids and teens that have read for at least 25 days so far in the Summer Reading Program. Kids that have read for 25 days, but haven't gone to the library to receive a prize are encouraged to do so before Aug. 5.

Pictures of the 25 Day Summer Readers are on the library's Facebook.com page. To find the photos, go to agawamlibrary.org/children and scroll to the bottom of the page for the link.

The Agawam Library is holding a contest to see which Agawam elementary school has the highest percentage of 25 Day Summer Readers. The elementary school with the highest percentage will receive a check for \$200 for its library. The other Agawam elementary schools will each receive \$100. These prizes were funded by the Friends of the Agawam Public Library.



Kasey, 5, and Lucas, 8, are among the 230 kids to take part in the Agawam Public Library's 25 Day Summer Reader program. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Actors in "Frankystein the Monstercal," from left, Jack Brigham, Marissa Balise and Lyle Pearsons cringe from the wrath of Isabelle Carter as "the professor." SUBMITTED PHOTO

'World's a Stage' coming to Red Door

The curtain has closed on two more productions at the Red Door's Summer Theatre program. Faith Olbrych portrayed the Lady of the Lake in "Merlin's Mirror." In the musical "Frankystein the Monstercal," stars included Marissa Balise as Ecollette, Jack Brigham as Egad, Isabelle Carter as the professor and Lyle

Pearsons as Dr. Frankystein.

Next up is "All the World's a Stage — No Girls Alloweth," scheduled for Aug. 19, 20 and 21. For tickets and information call 413-789-2026 or visit reddoor-theatre.com. The Red Door Theatre is at 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

Chamber scholar



Agawam High School graduate Amy Ko recently received the West of the River Chamber of Commerce scholarship. Pictured with her is Alan Rogers, Education Committee member. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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After reading to children, librarian Susan Peoples got kids to stretch and move during a brief exercise routine.



ABOVE: Kids and their parents or grandparents who attended this summer's final storytime activity on Aug. 1 at the Agawam Public Library posed for a group photo. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Summertime storytime

The Agawam Public Library's summer storytime series wrapped up Monday when kids listened to stories about the ocean and then created a craft project related to the ocean. Children's librarian Susan Peoples has been organizing the summer reading activity for the past 10 years. During the hour-long morning event she reads from books to help encourage kids, especially preschoolers, to develop a love of

reading. The event also helps kids develop social skills by interacting with other children. Peoples said she had between 15 and 20 kids showed up every Monday to participate in summer storytime. Each week of the six-week program featured a different theme. Themes included music, sports, the beach, and happy birthday — to celebrate the nation's birthday on the Fourth of July.



LEFT: Andrew Kontsemal shows off his ocean-themed craft that he made after listening to stories about the ocean.



Allison Boucher, holding her younger sister Emily, laughs as they listen during the final storytime of the summer at the library.



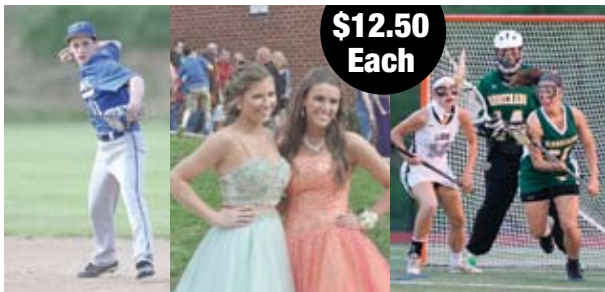
Allison Santana holds her daughter Lydia while they listen to a story being read.



Andy Brower and his two children, Ella and Aidan, work on an ocean-themed craft project. It was the final activity for the library's last summer storytime event.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

SAFL season kicks off

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Suburban Amateur Football League is still going strong with numbers improving in some organizations.

The season began earlier this week, with teams working to prepare for the upcoming season. There will be 14 teams that are headed for some real contact as they take part in the league’s annual Kick-off jamboree that will be held at East Longmeadow High School on Saturday, Aug. 20.

The event has become hugely popular over the past several years as it gives players on many teams the opportunity to have contact with opposing players instead of their teammates.

“The players are always practicing with each other or tackling dummies,” said League President David Dematteo. “This gives them a chance to see an opponent across the line of scrimmage.”

The schedule for the event has yet to be released, but Dematteo often tries to pair teams up that will not be playing against one another in the regular season while trying to keep the competition comparable.

The SAFL did lose one organization this year and are down to 22. However, from a competi-



The Suburban Amateur Football League got started with practices this week. The annual kick-off jamboree is coming up on Aug. 20. Agawam will be among the teams participating. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

BASEBALL

Curran nearing .300 for GCL Orioles

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Seamus Curran has resurfaced in minor league baseball for the 2016 season.

The former Agawam standout first baseman has been spending time back in the Gulf Coast League, which was where he started after signing a professional contract with the Baltimore Orioles organization.

Curran was immediately assigned to the Gulf Coast Orioles and debuted about a week after being drafted in June 2015. He played on the same squad as Valley Blue Sox’s Frank Crinella.

After spending some time working on his swing following a rookie minor league season in which he hit .220, Curran started his season with the Gulf Coast Orioles last month.

Curran was batting over .300 at one point, and received a brief audition on another team in the Orioles organization, going to the Aberdeen IronBirds, a team playing in Aberdeen, Maryland and a part of the Single-A New York-Penn League.

Curran played in six games against Brooklyn and Hudson Valley. The stint did not go great as he was hitless in 17 at-bats.



Seamus Curran. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

He did walk three times in one game against Hudson Valley, stole a base, and scored two runs. Despite his size, the six-foot, six-inch left-handed hitter can run well.

After his short stint with the IronBirds, he returned to the Gulf Coast Orioles and has played his

SOCCER

A squad finishes off summer season



The Agawam A boys summer soccer team closed out the regular season in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League by hosting Belchertown’s A squad. Agawam lost the match and finished the summer with a 3-6-2 record. The Brownies did not qualify for the playoffs while Belchertown moved on earlier this week. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Sports



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tion standpoint, the departing group will be good for the league.

The Springfield Tigers have joined a travel league in Connecticut this season. This leaves the Springfield 5A, which is no longer the largest organization in the league. For many years, the larger towns have had trouble competing with Springfield due to their even larger numbers and multiple organizations.

Now, Dematteo said, the competition is wide open. His home organization of Agawam, currently has the largest numbers in the league he said.

The NFC conference features the larger teams in the region, with Holyoke, Longmeadow, Northampton, Springfield 5A, and Wilbraham on the West side. Agawam, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Westfield, and West Springfield make up the East. Each team plays eight games, with league games and crossover games on the schedule.

There are 12 teams in the smaller town, AFC conference.

Amherst, Belchertown, Franklin, Ludlow, Quaboag, and South Hadley make up the West while Easthampton, Frontier, Palmer, Quabbin, Ware, and Warren/West Brookfield make up the East.

Dematteo said the competition committee that evaluates the makeup of the conference made one major change, shipping South Hadley out of the larger town conference. South Hadley had lots of success there, but recently have



had declining numbers, necessitating the change.

Another new element in the league is adopting of high school-like policies, which include no contact of any kind for players during the first three days of practice. Only conditioning will take place. He also said every organization has a coach that has received extra training from USA Football on concussion protocol and the Heads Up tackling approach taught to youth players to prevent head injuries.

“We are constantly training our coaches, parents, and players on the proper safe ways to play football,” said Dematteo. “Also, all players are not returned to the field from concussions without going through a proper protocol.”

Five Mutiny stars garner UWS East honors

SPRINGFIELD – It’s the time of the year for end-of-season awards and United Women’s Soccer (UWS) has released their 2016 All-East Conference Team and individual honors. Four Mutiny players - forward Kate Howarth, midfielder Stephanie Santos and defenders Allyson Swaby & Jennifer Cafferky - were selected to the All-East Team while defender Cailynn Harding was named the team’s “Iron Woman” of the Year (given to the player who plays the most minutes for her team in the season). “We’re real proud of our five players getting honored for their efforts this season,” said Mutiny owner Joe Ferrara, Jr. “Although our East campaign didn’t end the way we all wanted it to, it’s great to see them be recognized by the league. They truly were All-Stars for us this year.”

Leading the way on the All-East First Team are Howarth, Santos and Swaby. Howarth led the team in points this season (nine goals, four assists) and was second in all of UWS in scoring, behind East Player of the Year Krystyna Freda from New Jersey Copa F.C. who were conference champions. The team captain also took over second-place in the all-time Mutiny scoring charts (32 goals, 12 assists), as she is now behind top franchise scorer Mary-Frances Monroe (36 goals, 21 assists) in overall career points. Santos was a mainstay in the Mutiny midfield this season, appearing in eight matches and notching a goal and two assists. Her non-stop work rate in the center of the pitch was a sight to see and she was only behind Howarth & Harding in minutes played (684). Swaby played all along the defensive back line this year, providing a strong & athletic presence for Head Coach Joe Abele. The Jamaican international will head back to Boston College this fall for her junior year in Eagle colors. Cafferky joined the Mutiny just before the mid-season mark and was named All-East Honorable Mention by the league office. The rising junior for the CCSU Blue Devils was an instant success in the team’s defense. It was easy to see why she has been named Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year in her first two seasons at CCSU. Harding - Cafferky’s former college teammate - was a reliable presence in the Mutiny defense, appearing in nine of 10 East Conference games, and was named East Defensive Player of the Week.

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last three games with the team. He has been slumping, unfortunately, with just one hit in his last 27 at-bats spanning across 11 days.

Curran started the Gulf Coast season on a roll.

He had hits in his first two games, then recorded eight hits and eight RBI in a five-game span between June 30 and July 4, bringing his batting average up to .370.

He continued to hit well through the early part of July, including a 2-for-3 performance against the Red Sox and a 3-for-5 game with three RBI against the Rays.

His batting average then started to decline in mid-July. He recorded a hit on July 15 against the Rays before going hitless in two straight games. He then spent six games with Aberdeen, going hitless there before hitting a two-run double last Friday in a Gulf Coast game against the Rays.

He finally broke back out of the slump on Aug. 1 when he had a big 3-for-4 game against the Red Sox with an RBI.

The big game brings Curran’s batting average up to .295 in 24 games with the Orioles. He has an OPS of .723 and the entire month of August still to play.

In the field, Curran has been sticking to playing first base, but also is the designated hitter in some cases. He played 22 games at first base, and has made only two errors and has turned 10 double plays.



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Red Sox road trip

The Chicopee Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a three-day road trip to enjoy the excitement of two Red Sox games in Baltimore. Trip includes transportation, tickets for two games, and hotel stay for two nights, admission to two Red Sox vs. Baltimore night games at Camden Yards Baltimore, great seats. The trips two nights stay is at a Four Star Hotel near Camden Yards only a short walk from the fabulous Inner Harbor. The Inner Harbor includes great restaurants, a mall for shopping, the Baltimore Aquarium and ferry rides across the harbor to Fells Point. Trip de-

parts Tuesday August 16 returning on Thursday August 18. Price for trip is for \$499 per person double occupancy, triple rate of \$469 per person, single rate is \$695, price for 18 years old and under is \$379. There is a \$100 deposit due upon sign up with full payment due by July 15. Hurry, sign up now at the Chicopee Parks Dept., seats will go fast at this price. For more information, call Parks Department at (413) 594-3481 or visit our website at www.chicopeema.gov/parks.



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Friday, Aug. 5

THE FMCA'S FAMILY REUNION AND MOTORHOME SHOWCASE today and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$10 per person, children under 12 admitted free.

Saturday, Aug. 6

BLUES BROTHERS BRIEFCASE, the only Blues Brothers tribute band, in a free concert from 5 to 7 p.m. on the Tolland Town Green. Bring lawn chair and blanket. In the event of rain, it will be held inside at the Public Safety Complex, 206 W. Granville Road, Tolland.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

CITIZENS RESTORING CONGAMOND will meet at 7 p.m. at Crabby Joe's, 141 Congamond Road. It is free and open to all. The board meeting begins at 6 p.m. and is also open to all.

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature Dan Kane & Friends — Broadway. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

KIDSFEST CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM at 11 a.m. on Veterans Green, 689 Main St., Agawam, in front of Phelps School features Jedlie's Magic Circus. Free event. In case of rain, the show will be moved indoors to the Phelps gymnasium.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Friday, Aug. 12

EAST COAST GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$8 per person; children 12 and under admitted free with paid adult.

Saturday, Aug. 13

CLOWNING AROUND FOR SHRINERS HOSPITAL family-friendly event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the VFW Post 872, 151 Point Grove Road, Southwick. All proceeds to benefit Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield. For more information, call Wendy Hart at 413-875-5743 or visit the Facebook event page, www.facebook.com/events.

SPRINGFIELD HOCKEY HERITAGE SOCIETY from noon to 4 p.m. in the food court on the grounds of the Big E at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$20 for members; \$26 for non-members. Visit hockeyspringfield.org.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature the Russell Mountain Gang — bluegrass. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

FRIENDS OF GRANBY ELDERLY SUMMER CONCERT from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Dufresne Field in Granby, Conn. will feature King Kountry. Free will offering. Bring chairs, blankets and bug spray.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

MASSACHUSETTS MORGAN HORSE SHOW from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Thursday, Aug. 18

THE WALL THAT HEALS in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission. It will be open 24 hours a day from today through Sunday. Sponsored by the West Springfield Veterans Services office.

Tuesday, Aug. 23

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature Cory & the Knightsmen Band. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Thursday, Aug. 25

THE NEWTOWN KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today through Saturday in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial

Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

THE NORTHEAST REINING HORSE SHOW from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. today through Sunday in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Friday, Aug. 26

THE NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Sunday, Aug. 28

THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Sunday, Sept. 11

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-789-2061.

Sunday, Sept. 25

SACRED AMERICAN MUSIC, 1816-2016, community concert at 2 p.m. at Copper Hill United Methodist Church, 27 Copper Hill Road, E. Granby, Conn.

ONGOING

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is open every Thursday, rain or shine, from noon to 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 6. Free parking available. ADA accessible. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, fruit, honey and bee products, goats' meat and milk products, baked goods, wine, wood crafts, dairy and more. SNAP customers receive up to \$10 match in purchasing benefit weekly.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A roundtable discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemary-sandlin@gmail.com

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING BOARD**

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Debra Desmond for a zone change request on two parcels on Main Street (K4-1-6 & K4-1-13) from

Residence A2 and Business A to all Business A.

Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.
BY ORDER OF:

Mark R. Paleologopoulos,
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**AGAWAM
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 23, 2016**, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Demolition Permit for 443 North West Street which comes under the Town of Agawam's Demolition Delay Ordinance.

By Order of **David Cecchi,**
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8/4/16

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Aug. 8: Minestrone soup, quiche lorraine, hash browns, bananas.

Tuesday, Aug. 9: Roast turkey cold plate, cheese, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, cheese breadstick, pudding.

Wednesday, Aug. 10: Peppersteak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, baked good.

Thursday, Aug. 11: Roast pork, roasted potatoes and carrots, applesauce.

Friday, Aug. 12: Tuna casserole, cucumber salad, diced pears.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Aug. 8: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Aug. 9: 9 a.m., knitting class, summer

exercise; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard at St. John's Field; 10 a.m., Computer Tech Club; noon, ladies only billiards; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; 7 p.m., Garden Club meeting.

Wednesday, Aug. 10: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Aug. 11: 9 a.m., summer exercise class; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.

Friday, Aug. 12: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; noon, canasta; 12:45 p.m., root beer float social \$1 (Friends Coffee Bar); 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker.

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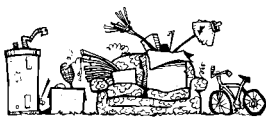
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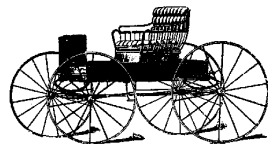
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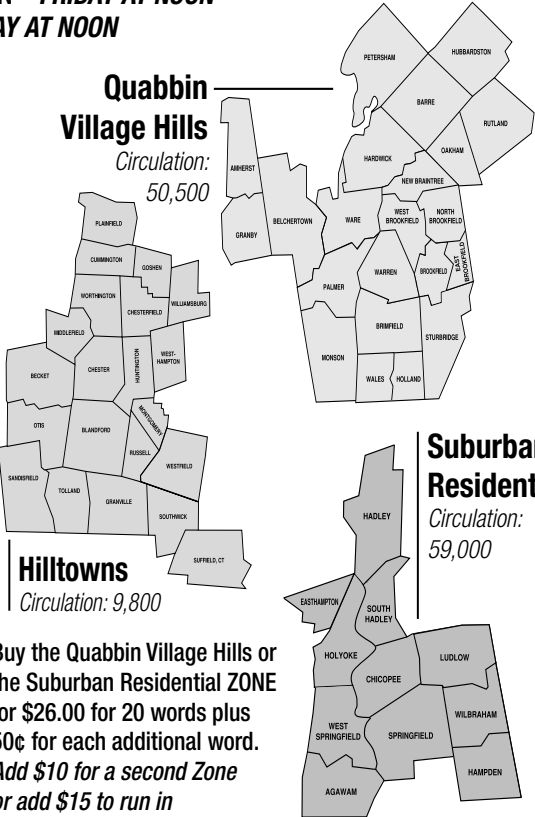
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Lions' first 'Tot Lot' fundraiser a success

Members of the Agawam Lions Club last week thanked the Ice Cream Shoppe at 495 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills and its patrons for generously supporting the Lions' first Perry Lane "Tot Lot" Centennial Community Legacy Project fundraiser. In addition to funds donated by patrons, owner Susan Thibault also made a generous contribution to this effort. A total of almost \$400 was raised at the July 24 event.

According to Richard Lanier, the Agawam Lions Club's Centennial Community Legacy Project chairman, "Money raised through our various Centennial Community Legacy Project fundraisers will be donated by the Agawam Lions Club to the town of Agawam to assist with the Perry Lane 'Tot Lot' project, tentatively scheduled for summer 2017. The project will replace certain playground struc-

tures, include an overall site expansion, and increase accessibility for all to the site of the Perry Lane 'Tot Lot' playground. Agawam Lions members thank everyone who contributes to this important work. You are truly helping Lions make a difference for youth in our community."

The Agawam Lions Club Centennial Community Legacy Project commemorates the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International, founded in 1917. Over

the past century, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

To learn more about future Perry Lane "Tot Lot" fundraisers, visit the Agawam Lions Club on Facebook.com and watch for announcements in local newspapers. To get involved, contact Richard Lanier at 413-335-5434 or visit www.agawamlions.org.



ABOVE: Brothers Laney and Ryker Lentes support the Agawam Lions Club at a fundraiser held Sunday, July 24, at the Ice Cream Shoppe in Feeding Hills. SUMMITTED PHOTOS

LEFT: The Agawam Lions Club displays its Perry Lane "Tot Lot" Centennial Community Legacy Project banner, a project that commemorates the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International.



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